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SUBJECT: Approval and Ratification of a Legal Representation Agreement with Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo Regarding Employment Matter; Authorization For County Expenditures Under Agreement in Amount Not to Exceed \$50,000

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

Approve and ratify a Legal Representation Agreement with Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo regarding an employment matter, and authorize County expenditures under the agreement in an amount not to exceed \$50,000

FISCAL/MANDATES IMPACTS:

Mandatory:	No
Source of Funding:	Fund I320
Funding Match Required:	No
Impact on Other Departments:	Risk Management – Liability Insurance Unit 1320

Summary of Revenues and Costs:	FY 2023-24	FY2024-25
Revenues:	\$ 50,000	\$ 0
Costs:		
Direct	\$ 50,000	\$ 0
Indirect-Dept	\$	\$
Indirect-County CAP	\$	\$
Total Cost	\$ 50,000	\$ 0
Net County Cost	\$0	\$
Recovered Indirect Costs	\$	\$

FY 2023-24 Budget Projection for Division 1800 – County Counsel				
	Adopted Budget	Adjusted Budget	Projected Budget	Estimated Savings/(Deficit)
Appropriations	\$ 8,259,339	\$ 8,769,363	\$ 8,578,308	\$ 191,055
Revenue	\$ 2,768,075	\$ 2,768,075	\$ 2,768,895	\$ 820
Net Cost	\$ 5,491,264	\$ 6,001,288	\$ 5,809,413	\$ 191,875

Note: Expenses incurred by County Counsel will be billed to Risk Management

There are sufficient revenues and appropriations in FY23-24 adjusted budget to complete this contract.

DISCUSSION:

County Counsel seeks your Board's ratification of a County legal representation agreement dated December 14, 2023, with the law firm Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo (AALRR) for legal services regarding a specific employment matter, and authorization of County expenditures not to exceed \$50,000 under the agreement.

Under Government Code section 25502.5 and Ventura County Ordinance No. 4084, subsection 3(f), your Board's approval is needed for a service contract if it could make the County's aggregate annual cost payable to a specific vendor exceed \$200,000. Your Board's ratification of the subject agreement with AALRR is needed because the County is currently contracting with the same law firm for labor relations-related legal services in an amount not to exceed \$199,195, and the annual costs payable to the law firm under both agreements could exceed \$200,000.

This item has been reviewed by the County Executive Office and the Auditor-Controller's Office. If you have any questions, please call me at (805) 654-2581.

Very truly yours,



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